

Amendments to the Drawing Figures:

The attached drawing sheets include proposed changes to FIGs. 1, 3 and 4 and replace the original sheets including FIGs 1 and 3-6. In particular, FIG. 1 has been amended to label the drawing as "Prior Art," FIG. 3 has been amended to delete the Roman numeral "VI" appearing in two places, and FIG. 4 has been amended to make the reference numeral 35 point to the correct location on the drawing.

Also, two sheets of New Drawings are added for FIGs. 9-12.

Attachments: Replacement Sheets
 New Sheets

REMARKS/DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

By this Amendment, Applicants amend the specification, Abstract and drawings to correct minor informalities. Applicants also amend claims 1-4 and 13, and add new claims 23-38.

Accordingly, claims 1-5, 13 and 23-38 are pending in the application.

Applicants thank the Examiner for acknowledging the claim for priority and receipt of certified copies of all the priority documents.

Claims 1-3 and 13 are amended for non-statutory reasons, to eliminate reference numerals. The claims are not narrowed in scope and no new matter is added.

Claim 4 is amended for better consistency with the specification and drawings.

New claims 23-38 correspond to originally filed claims 6-12 and 14-22 previously canceled without prejudice. As at least claim 1 is generic to all of these claims, and as claim 1 is deemed allowable for at least the reasons set forth below, it is respectfully requested that these claims also be allowed at this time.

Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the following Remarks.

OBJECTIONS TO DRAWINGS

By this Amendment, Applicants: amend the drawings; add two new sheets of drawings for new FIGs. 9-12; and amend the specification, to address the three bases of objection raised by the Examiner in paragraphs 4-6 of the Office Action.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the objections to the drawings be withdrawn.

OBJECTION TO THE ABSTRACT

By this Amendment, Applicants submit an amended abstract to address the Examiner's objection.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the objection to the abstract be withdrawn.

OBJECTIONS TO THE SPECIFICATION

By this Amendment, Applicants submit amendments to the specification to address the Examiner's objections.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the objections to the specification be withdrawn.

OBJECTION TO THE CLAIMS

By this Amendment, Applicants submit an amended claim listing which does not include the text of the canceled claims.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the objections to the claims be withdrawn.

35 U.S.C. § 102

The Office Action rejects: claims 1-3 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 over Visman et al. U.S. Patent Publication 2003/0019107 ("Visman"); and claims 1-5 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 over Geertsma et al. U.S. patent publication 2002/0083591 ("Geertsma").

Applicants respectfully traverse all of those rejections for at least the following reasons.

Visman

Claim 1

Among other things, the shaving apparatus of claim 1 includes a device for providing a shaving aid to a skin contact surface of the apparatus.

Applicants respectfully submit that Visman does not disclose such a device for providing a shaving aid to a skin contact surface of the apparatus.

Tellingly, while the Office Action points to specific elements in FIG. 1 of Visman as supposedly corresponding to other elements of claim 1, the Office Action fails to identify anything in Visman that even supposedly corresponds to the recited device for providing a shaving aid to a skin contact surface of the apparatus.

Accordingly, for at least these reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 is patentable over Visman.

Claims 2-3 and 13

Claims 2-3 and 13 depend from claim 1 and are all deemed patentable over Visman for at least the reasons set forth above with respect to claim 1.

Geertsma

Claim 1

Among other things, the shaving apparatus of claim 1 includes a device for providing a shaving aid to a skin contact surface of the apparatus.

Applicants respectfully submit that Geertsma does not disclose such a device for providing a shaving aid to a skin contact surface of the apparatus.

Tellingly, while the Office Action points to specific elements in FIG. 1 of Geertsma as supposedly corresponding to other elements of claim 1, the Office Action fails to identify anything in Geertsma that even supposedly corresponds to the recited device for providing a shaving aid to a skin contact surface of the apparatus.

Accordingly, for at least these reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 is patentable over Geertsma.

Claims 2-5 and 13

Claims 2-5 and 13 depend from claim 1 and are all deemed patentable over Geertsma for at least the reasons set forth above with respect to claim 1.

NEW CLAIMS 23-38

New claims 23-38 correspond to originally filed claims 6-12 and 14-22 previously canceled without prejudice.


As at least claim 1 is generic to all of these claims, and as claim 1 is deemed patentable for at least the reasons set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that these claims are also patentable at this time.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing explanations, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and reexamine the present application, allow claims 1-5, 13 and 23-38 and pass the application to issue. In the event that there are any outstanding matters remaining in the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact Kenneth D. Springer (Reg. No. 39,843) at (571) 283.0720 to discuss these matters.

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